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FOR GEN. HUYSER FROM UNDER SECRETARY FOR POL AFFAIRS NEWSOM

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SUBJECT:LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR INTER-AFRICAN FORCE

ROME FOR SILVA

1. OUR IMPENDING LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF
AN EVOLVING INTER-AFRICAN SECURITY PEACEKEEPING FORCE
FOR SHABA COMPRISE A UNIQUE UNDERTAKING. THE CONCEPT
HAS SO FAR BEEN SKETCHED FOR US ONLY IN BROAD OUTLINE
BY THE FRENCH, AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF SUCH SUPPORT
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AS WE EVENTUALLY WILL SUPPLY HAS YET TO BE DECIDED.
MOREOVER, WE WILL BE DEALING, ESSENTIALLY IN A MULTI-
LATERAL CONTEXT BUT ON BILATERAL BASIS, WITH A NUMBER OF
AFRICAN STATES, NOT ALL OF WHOM HAVE AS YET EVEN BEEN
FIRMLY IDENTIFIED TO US.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT A NUMBER OF

AFRICAN-RELATED PROBLEMS, NOT YET DEFINABLE BUT WITH POTENTIAL POLITICAL IMPACT, WILL ARISE AT LEAST DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE OPERATION.

3. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO YOU, IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY, THE SERVICES OF A SENIOR FOREIGN

SERVICE OFFICER WITH EXTENSIVE AFRICAN AND POLITICO/MILITARY EXPERIENCE AS TEMPORARY AUGMENTATION TO YOUR CURRENT AND HIGHLY COMPETENT POLITICAL ADVISERS.

4. I HAVE IN MIND OUR POLITICO/MILITARY COUNSELLOR IN ROME, WALTER SILVA. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR AS LONG AS YOU NEED, BUT I WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RELEASE HIM FOR RETURN TO DUTY IN ROME IN NOT MORE THAN A WEEK. IF YOU AGREE, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN YOUR STAFF ON JUNE 3 OR 4. CHRISTOPHER

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